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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES : NINH THUAN

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1. REFTEL REPORTED NAMES AND OCCUPATIONS OF 17 PERSONS WHO INITIALLY FILED FOR THE LOWER HOUSE FROM NINH THUAN,

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WHERE TWO SEATS, ONE VIETNAMESE AND ONE CHAM, ARE AT STAKE IN LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NINH THUAN ELECTION FOLLOWS.

2. ONE PERSON, TRAN DINH CAPA ARVN DENTIST, WITHDREW FROM THE RACE (REPORTEDLY FOR PERSONAL REASONS) PRIOR TO SECOND AND FINAL POSTING OCTOBER 1. NO CANDIDATES WERE

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DISQUALIFIED IN NINH THUAN.

3. COMPETING FOR THE CHAM SEAT ARE:

A. QUANG NANG CAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1905, VU BON, NINH THUAN. PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. CONSIDERED MOST LIKELY TO WIN CHAM SEAT.

B. CHAU VAN MO, B. MARCH 3, 1926, HIEU LE, NINH THUAN. BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER DEPUTY DISTRICT CHIEF, AN PHUOC DISTRICT; MEMBER, PEOPLES' ARMY COUNCIL (NOMINATED BY DIRECTORATE).

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C. TU CONG XUAN, MARCH 15, 1912, VAN LAM, NINH THUAN. DISTRICT CHIEF OF AN PHUOC DISTRICT UNTIL OVERTHROW OF DIEM. BUSINESSMAN AND LAND OWNER. HAS NOT COOPERATED WITH RD PROGRAM IN HIS DISTRICT AND CONSIDERED NOT OVERLY SCRUPULOUS BY AMERICAN ADVISORS.

4. COMPETING FOR THE VIETNAMESE SEAT:

A. HO DAC HONG, SEPTEMBER 14, 1922, AN TRUYEN, THUA THIEN. LINGUIST. RAN FOR PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND WAS DEFEATED.

B. DAO TAP KHAI, JANUARY 7, 1926, MONG DUC, NINH THUAN. NURSE AT PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

C. TA VAN PHUC, FEBRUARY 4, 1937, HANOI, SCIENCE TEACHER AT PHAN ZANG PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

D. NGUYEN DINH KINH, 1921, KINH DINH, NINH THUAN. GRAPE FARMER.

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E. VAN KINH, JUNE 6, 1905, AUU PHAP, BINH DINH; FORMER MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, NOW MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, ELECTED IN AN UPSET VICTORY.

F. NGUYEN DAI PHONG, MARCH 3, 1931, AT HIEP KIET, NINH THUAN. VILLAGE CHIEF OF CAM THO VILLAGE. LARGE LAND OWNER AND MAY BE RICHEST PERSON IN DU LONG DISTRICT.

G. TON THAT MIEU, OCTOBER 10, 1936, AT CAO DOI, THU THIEN. HEAD TEACHER AT BO DE (BUDDHIST) HIGH SCHOOL. CONSIDERED A FRONT RUNNER.

H. DINH VIET LANG, FEBRUARY 15, 1933, AT KINH DINH, NINH THUAN. ARVN OFFICER. BECAME PROVINCE CHIEF OF NINH THUAN SHORTLY AFTER OVERTHROW OF DIEM. ALTHOUGH REPORTEDLY HE WAS A DIEM SUPPORTOR UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT. DISMISSED FOR CORRUPTION AT THE END OF 1965 AND REDUCED TO CAPTAIN. NOW STATIONED IN PHU NHUAN. HAD REPUTATION OF BEING A STERN ADMINISTRATOR.

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I. LE VAN CANG, JANUARY 16, 1922, AT TAN AN, NINH THUAN. THANH HAI DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF. REPORTEDLY IS RUNNING

BECAUSE GENERAL THIEU URGED HIM TO DO SO.

J. PHAM QUOC NINH, JULY 15, 1922, IN MY HOA PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. FORMER LABOR SERVICE CHIEF IN NINH THUAN WHO NOW WORKS IN SAIGON. CONSIDERED TO BE POPULAR IN PROVINCE.

K. HO VAN XUAN, DECEMBER 26, 1936, AT AN THANH, NINH THUAN. LAWYER IN PHAN RANG. CONSIDERED A POPULAR CANDIDATE.

L. LE THIEU THAO, AUGUST 23, 1913, AT PHU AN, KHANH HOA. CIVIL SERVANT IN NINH THUAN ECONOMICS SERVICE.

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WAS FOR A SHORT PERIOD AFTER WWII, A MINISTER IN THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT.

M. NGO VAN LUON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1935, AT MY HUONG, NINH THUAN, PROFESSION LISTED AS SOLDIER. LIVES IN SAIGON.

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